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Title: METHOD FOR DETERMINING MULTIMERS OF PLASMA
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 24 pages, including 1 independent claim and 19 claims total.
2. Drawings- 9 sheets of drawings containing 9 figures. (Figures 1-9).
3. Certified copy of German Application No. 102 47 876.7, filed October 14, 2002.

4. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with 9 documents attached.
5. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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Applicants claim the right to priority based on German Application No. 102 47 876.7, filed October 14, 2002.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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